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Rep. Visclosky visits PUC class

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Staff Writer

The political system of our government is very large and complex. It is composed of many different officials, each having a specific duty or duties for the people that they represent. Congressman Pete Visclosky, D-Merrillville, is one of the politicians who represents Lake and Porter counties in Northwest Indiana.

Visclosky is our wire to the capital and is the politician that takes our problems to Washington D.C.

Visclosky addressed PUC professor Michelle Walker's Political Science 101 class on Jan. 29.

That evening Visclosky was the classes'

guest speaker, explaining certain duties he performs as a congressman.

For instance, Visclosky is one of the people who sat in the gallery as President Bill Clinton was being inaugurated, an event that has taken place 52 times in our nation's history.

In general, Visclosky's work in the capitol pertains to the House of Representatives regarding our district's economic problems and other important issues. He talked about how NWI had a second great depression some years ago and how job wage rates never really recovered.

His job as congressman includes serving on the House Appropriations Committee, one of three exclusive committees in the

House. The other two are the Rules Committee and the Means Committee. His job only allows him to serve on one committee because of the broad jurisdiction each has.

The Rules Committee controls the amount of legislation going to the House. The Means Committee has jurisdiction over all taxing policies.

The Appropriation Committee has jurisdiction over discretionary spending. Discretionary spending represents only about 1/3 of the national budget, which is about \$600 billion a year.

He also serves on two-of-13 House subcommittees; the National Defense Subcommittee and the Energy and Water



U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky, D-1st

Subcommittee.

Being a member of these committees is very important to a congressman. As a member of these two subcommittees, he and 12 other people decide how to spend \$255 billion concerning issues varying from water, energy, buying bullet-proof vests for

Lake and Porter counties and issues regarding the protection of nuclear weaponry.

Keeping in touch with campus workers via latest technology

BY PATRICK PERRY
Staff Writer

What are the University police, custodians and maintenance crew drawing from their sides? What kind of showdown are they displaying within the campus? The answer is, they're using pagers. Not ordinary pagers, but alphanumeric pagers that scroll messages across an LCD screen. The show-

down they are having is ricocheting electronic information.

Rich Trznadel, Utilities Services Supervisor, explained that radio systems are fast and direct, but also expensive. Radio systems must be left in the on position to hear messages that may be annoying to others. Alpha pagers on the other hand can receive written messages on a LCD screen without distracting

others. Employees can select the vibrate or alert modes to inform them of an incoming message.

Trznadel said that alpha pagers notify the custodians and maintenance workers to make their assignments easier. Trznadel said, "The pagers allow quicker response time." Instead of memorizing and

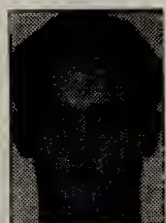
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Get outside and in shape

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Brrrrr. Snow has conquered NWI once again and we are left with boring weekends on the couch watching Baywatch re-runs, wishing we looked like Pamela Anderson or David Hasselhoff. Fear not! There is hope for those of us who want to keep fit in the winter months. There are plenty of winter sports community members can take advantage of for reasonable prices - without driving north.

There is no need to watch figure skating on television anymore. The opportunity to skate awaits Hoosiers. It's just a jump, axle, and smooth glide away. If the ice

is thick enough, citizens can hit Fancher Lake in Crown Point, or show their moves at Oak Ridge Prairie in Griffith until Feb. 28.

For those who like to ski, opportunities are vast and don't require any expensive trips out west. NWI is home to several county parks with great ski facilities. Slip on those designer ski pants that have been in the basement collecting dust for too long, and get ready for some winter fun that will keep your blood pumping and your body toned!

Lemon Lake County Park, in Crown Point, Deep River County Park, in Hobart, Stony Run County

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Homecoming activities

Theme: 'Space Jam'

Spirit week events:

Monday, Feb. 10 - Introduction of Queen and King Candidates
Location: SFLC 100 (student lounge)
Time: noon to 3 p.m.

Refreshments served: BBQ wings, fruit, cheese and crackers, desserts, punch.

Performers: Hypnotist, Christopher Carter from Ario Artists in Chicago, Ill. and Purdue Cheer and Dance Team

Tuesday, Feb. 11 - Voting for Queen and King
Location: SFLC Concourse
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5

p.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 13 - Contests for all students
Location: SFLC Concourse
Time: Noon to 1 p.m.

Contests: Basketball free throwing, three-legged race, bozo buckets, toilet paper roll, Mr. Fitness
Saturday, Feb. 15 -
The Big Game

Purdue vs Indiana University South Bend
Location: Gym
Time: 7 p.m.

Half-time - Crowning of King and Queen, tug of war contest and Dance Team performance

A rose by any other name...

BY BEVERLY DORRIS-ORICH
Staff Contributor

I bet one of the first things that comes to your mind when you think about Valentine's Day (besides the person that you love) is ROSES. According to Webster, a Rose is defined as: Any of numerous shrubs or vines of the genus Rosa usually having prickly stems, compound leaves and variously colored, often fragrant flowers. According to most people a rose makes them think of love. When I think of roses, it makes me think of my dad.

As I was growing up, whenever I needed my dad, I could always find him out in our backyard working on "his roses." I don't think anyone ever really took the time to actually count them all, but I bet he had close to 250-300+ rose bushes in our backyard. Roses were his hobby, roses were his life, roses were his love. Someone asked him once what was his favorite color rose. He answered them immediately and assuredly with, "whichever one I happen to be looking at."

I'm sure that if I would have taken the time when I was

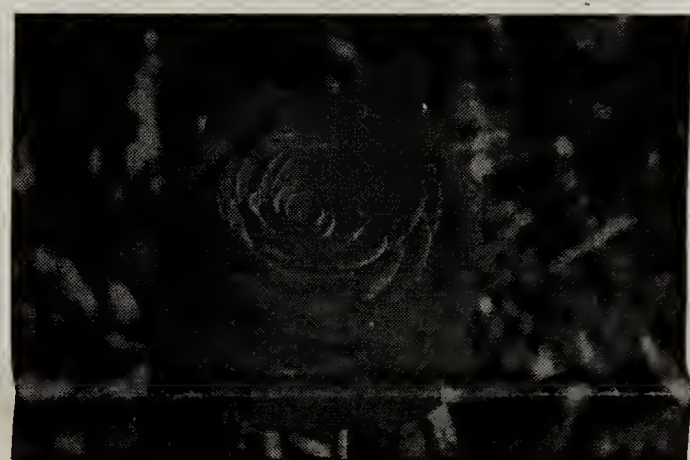
younger, if I would have been half as interested in roses as I was with my own life, I would have had him try to teach me all that he knew about roses. Once in a while he would be invited to be on WJOB radio. People would call in and ask him all sorts of questions pertaining to roses and he had all the right answers. He

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would ask me to be sure and listen and also to tape the show so he could hear how he sounded. Afterward, we would listen and he would tell me he should have said this or done that. He was always too critical, but I really think he did that just so I would tell him what a good job he had done.

He retired from NIPSCO in the early '80s, which gave him plenty of time to work in his yard. I guess our backyard wasn't enough for him because he got a job here at Purdue taking care of the Chancellor's yard, along with the campus grounds. The people that he worked with were all so very kind and helping. At this particular time in his life, he needed a wing, and they

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ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

The time is now to apply for '97-98 financial aid

"Apply by March 1st" are the words repeated to Purdue Calumet students these days when they stop by the Office of Financial Aid. This is because March 1 is the priority filing deadline for the 1997-98 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The FAFSA is THE financial aid form used to apply for federal, state and institutional financial aid for the Fall 1997/Spring 1998 semesters at Purdue Calumet. "There are many federal, state and Purdue University Calumet financial aid programs that students can and should take advantage of," says Mary Ann Bishel, university director of financial aid. "However, students must complete the FAFSA each year by March 1st in order to be considered for these programs."

State commission requirement

The State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana requires that all Indiana residents complete and submit their FAFSA's by March 1 in order to be considered for the Higher Education Award, Twenty-first Century Scholarship and other state aid. The March 1 deadline also applies to students wishing to be considered for additional financial aid such as the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program, the Federal Work-Study Program and the Perkins Loan Program, as well as need-based scholarships awarded through Purdue Calumet.

Relatively easy to complete

The FAFSA is relatively easy to complete, provided students have the necessary documents available, such as 1996 federal tax returns for themselves and/or their parents and records of untaxed income received in 1996, such as social security benefits, veteran benefits, current bank statements and records of stocks, bonds and other investments. Once the FAFSA is completed, it must be sent by students to the federal processor. Three to four weeks later, students will receive a form called a Student Aid Report (SAR) summarizing the information they supplied on the submitted FAFSA.

About this time, the Office of Financial Aid will receive the same information electronically, and letters will be sent to students informing them about what additional information, if any, may be needed to complete their financial aid file.

Once all the information has been received and reviewed by the Office of Financial Aid, an award letter is sent to the students indicating the amount of their financial aid awards and what else is needed in order to finalize their awards, such as a work-study job application, loan application or loan counseling.

Important... Important... Important!!!

The importance of filing the FAFSA by this coming March 1 and providing all documents needed to complete your file in the Office of Financial Aid in a timely manner cannot be stressed enough!

Students filing their FAFSA after March 1 automatically limit themselves to only two financial aid programs: the Pell Grant program and the student loan program. Students, however, meeting the March 1 deadline open doors to more moneys available to them from the federal government, the State of Indiana and Purdue Calumet.

At Purdue Calumet, students completing their financial aid files in the Office of Financial Aid by May 15 can be assured that their financial aid will be available to pay for Fall '97 term classes.

Financial aid workshops

Assistance in completing the FAFSA form is available to students and their families. Several financial aid workshops will be held on campus on the dates shown below.

Wednesday	Feb. 12	7 p.m.	Gyte 103
Saturday	Feb. 15	9 a.m.	Gyte 103
Wednesday	Feb. 19	6 p.m.	Gyte 208
Saturday	Feb. 22	9 a.m.	Gyte 208
Wednesday	Feb. 26	6 p.m.	Gyte 208

Other info on the WWW

Other information about the financial aid process, programs and deadlines are available to students and their families on the World Wide Web at the following address:

<http://www.calumet.purdue.edu/public/finaid/finaid.htm>.

Students wishing to be considered for need-based scholarships also are reminded to file their FAFSA by March 1. Students also can complete a Merit Scholarship Application (available in the Office of Financial Aid) by March 1 to be considered for scholarships based on their academic performance.

Information on scholarships, both merit and need-based, is available on the World Wide Web at the following address:

<http://www.calumet.purdue.edu/public/finaid/webschol.htm>.

You don't know if you qualify unless you apply!

We encourage all students to apply for financial aid for 1997-98.

You don't know if you qualify unless you apply! The return on your investment of time in completing the FAFSA and mailing it by March 1 could be thousands of dollars! For more information feel free to call the university's Office of Financial Aid at (219) 989-2301, or stop by Gyte 45.

The March 1st deadline is coming up fast!

At a glance

student organizations

SG openings

There are three senator positions available. Student Government will accept applications from Feb. 10 until Feb. 19. Applications will be available in the Student Government office and in the Student Activities Office. Applications can be turned in at the Student Government office or the Student Activities Office.

Buy sweets for your sweetie

Buy sweets for your sweetie this Valentine's Day. Zeta Sigma Chi Sorority Inc. is sponsoring a candy bag sale Feb. 13 and 14. Candy bags filled with goodies will be \$2 and sold

in the SFLC entrance area.

Diabetes support group

The diabetes support group will meet monthly. Meetings will be off campus at a residence in Munster starting late Feb. For more information contact Constance Karras at (219) 836-5461.

Running club will meet

Now that the deep freeze has thawed, the running club will be meeting for group runs every two weeks. For more information, call Amy Taylor at (219) 932-0371 or Paul Stofko at (219) 322-1397.

around campus

Black Voices of Inspiration Choir Concert

The concert will be in Alumni Hall Sunday, Feb. 16 at 4 p.m. This event will feature a performance by the Purdue University (West Lafayette) Black Voices of Inspiration. This event is free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Roy Hamilton at (219) 989-2779.

Riley Child Care Center

The Riley Child Center is available to all students, staff, faculty, and the general public. The center serves children from the ages of 3 to 12. Monday thru Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday 7:30 a.m. thru 5:30 p.m. Call 989-2343 for more information.

Teen Summit

There will be a teen summit and jam session Saturday, Feb. 15 in Alumni Hall from 6 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$5. For more information call 989-2401 or 989-2633.

NIA Bowl in celebration of Black History Month

Purdue Calumet Students are needed to participate on teams for the first annual NIA BOWL to be held on Saturday, Feb. 15, 1997, 8:30 a.m. in Alumni Hall. Monetary prizes will be awarded to the winning team members.

In celebration of African American History month, the NIA BOWL: A Celebration of African American History, Life and Culture will be held on our campus on the above noted date. The NIA BOWL is similar to a knowledge bowl.

Teams of area high school and Purdue Calumet students will answer questions based upon African American history, life, and culture. NIA is one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa: "Purpose or Nia, is for the fifth day. We work to restore the greatness of our people. We learn from our leaders and our proud history."

PUC teams will consist of 6 members (4 players and two alternates). Teams members must currently be registered as students at PUC. The event promises to be enjoyable as well as educational.

Four teams from PUC will be assembled and will compete against each other (the high school teams will also compete against one another). If you know of interested students, please call 989-2781 so that I can give them an application and NIA BOWL guidelines.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME AND WATCH THE EVENT ON FEBRUARY 15TH!!!

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Quotes of the week

'One word frees us of all the weight and pain of life: that word is love.'

-Sophocles
495 - 406 B.C.

'Love is the whole history of a woman's life, it is but an episode in a man's.'

-Anna Louise Germaine Necker,
Baronne de Staël-Holstein - 1796

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Rose

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took him under theirs.

After my dad died in May of 1992, we divided all his roses among our family, and I kept about 20 for myself. I'm sorry that I didn't have him show me exactly how to prune a rose, or to tell me when I should transplant one, or even to

tell me exactly how much or when I should fertilize them. I did learn other things about roses from him though. I know that I should stop and smell them along the way and I also know that as long as I live I will always see the beauty of my dad when I see the beauty in a rose. They are one in the same. They are love. A rose is a rose, is my dad.

High blood pressure? Sweaty palms? Then it must be love

BY JEFF KRAMER
College Press Exchange

Somewhere deep in your brain, memory mates with imagination and gives birth to anticipation.

With all the subtlety of a car crash, your limbic system, the most ancient region of the brain converts the happy thought into raw emotion. Hypothalamus: check. Pituitary: check. Thyroid and adrenal glands: check. Your heartbeat spikes to that of a joggers. Electrical impulses skitter across a veneer of sweat.

Perhaps you feel breathless or sick to your stomach. You may even suffer from piloerection: i.e. goosebumps. Congratulations. You're in love. Either that, or you're being chased by a wild animal.

From a physiological perspective, the two states don't differ that much, or so say scientists. "Love is an imbalance, but it's part of the normal continuum," says James Fallon, professor of anatomy and neurology at the University of California, Irvine. "This may take some of the romance out of it. But something is happening."

On Valentine's Day, that something apparently happens more than ever. Otherwise brutish men bathe and buy flowers. Mild-mannered CPAs write lame love sonnets. Flirting co-workers fall face first into company water coolers.

But while Western tradition may romanticize such behavior, we pose a serious question on this sappest of holidays: What in the central nervous system is going on?

Quite a bit, it turns out. As difficult as love is to define, its first flickers apparently begin in the prefrontal cortex, the section of your brain that enables you to anticipate the joy of being with a particular person even one you've never met.

If it's powerful enough, this so-called memory of the future engages the ancestral "fight or flight" response of the lower brain, which is responsible for such

involuntary functions as stammering, tripping, drooling, exchanging astrological signs and laughing too loudly at someone else's joke.

Endorphins fuel the chemical cocktail. Similar in structure to morphine, endorphins are perhaps best known for creating a blissful sense of calm in long-distance runners. They leave lovers feeling similarly tranquil but not in the early going.

During the initial stages of attraction, endorphins serve as a catalyst by triggering special cells in the midbrain to produce dopamine, a powerful natural amphetamine. In the bootcamp of romance, dopamine is the drill sergeant. It barks at the brain to select a plan of action.

Against so powerful a force, the amygdala home of the brain's inhibition center gamely attempts to introduce a note of caution. "You could get hurt," it warns the lovelorn. "You could make a fool of yourself."

Experts say previous romantic experiences or lack of them play a major role in determining who you fall for and to what degree. Culturally imprinted expectations are part of the mix as well. "Initially you fall in love with a projection," San Francisco psychologist Lonnie Barbach says. "You're falling in love with who you think the other person is because you haven't met them yet."

How long you go on living like a frightened animal depends largely on whether your amorous ambitions are realized. In unrequited love, the yearnings of the prefrontal cortex fail to get reinforced by actual experience, short circuiting the chemical loop and causing a build-up of tension and frustration.

Obviously, the outlook is happier when love runs both ways. The release of oxytocin, a peptide linked to mother-child bonding and sometimes referred to as "the cuddle chemical," may produce feelings of relaxed satisfaction and attachment between lovers.

Homecoming: Having fun responsibly

DIANNE MITRO
Wellness Coordinator

Homecoming is a time to come together for your school and show your support and school spirit. It is also a time to enjoy yourself and have some fun. There will be many activities to participate in on campus including, voting for homecoming king and queen, Tug-of-War and other contests. Then of course there is the annual homecoming basketball game. Along with this many homecoming parties will be held.

The Purdue University Calumet Wellness Council would like to remind you that while it is OK to party and have fun; there are ways to do that in a responsible manner.

Here are 3 helpful tips to remember if you choose to celebrate with alcohol:

- Remember it is not necessary to serve alcohol at parties, and if you decide to serve alcohol or go to

a party at which alcohol is being served, you need to take precautions such as selecting a designated driver, so that you don't put yourself or others at risk of breaking the law or becoming involved in an alcohol related accident.

- It is important to also remember that if you do choose to drink alcohol you should have enough food to absorb some of the alcohol and reduce the affect. Sipping slowly, spacing and limiting your drinks are other tips you could use if you choose to drink while celebrating homecoming.

- Finally, it is important to keep in mind that sexual situations may arise at parties so it is necessary to take precautions in this area as well.

Remember alcohol affects each one of us differently. Since alcohol is a depressant drug and has been known to impair a person's judgment, it often leads to individuals

Interview Workshops

The Office of Career Development and Placement sponsors monthly interview workshops to help prepare you for interviews. Information on techniques and skills for a successful interview will be discussed. The mock interviews are taped so you can see how you appear to interviewers. For more information or to sign up come to the CD&P Office in room SFLC-349. Remember, space at these workshops are limited!

Friday, Feb. 14 from noon to 2 p.m.

Friday, March 7 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Friday, April 18 from noon to 2 p.m.

Recruiting

Radio Shack - Monday, Feb. 17

Interviews for Full-Time positions are open to alumni, recent grads, and May '97 grads. All majors are welcome, including those with Associates Degrees.

American Express Financial Services -

Thursday, Feb. 20 from 5 to 7 p.m.

An informational presentation will be held in SFLC-321. A Full-Time position is open to 4-year degree holders, any major, with extensive work history in sales or similar industry.

General Electric - Thursday, Feb. 20

Interviews for a Full-Time Field Engineer will be held. Open to December '96 grads or May '97

grads in Electrical Engineering (BS) with a GPA of 2.8 or above.

General Electric - Friday, Feb. 21

They are interviewing Mechanical, Electrical, Industrial, Manufacturing and Manufacturing Technology Engineer BS majors for a Co-op opening. Seeking sophomore and first semester juniors with a 3.0 GPA or better.

NOTE: You **MUST** sign up in the CD&P Office for all of these interviews and presentations. Some requirements must be met in order to sign-up for interviews. Come to SFLC-349 or call 989-2419.

Business Etiquette Luncheon & Program

Proper dining and business etiquette will be discussed over a four course meal at the University Place and Conference Center & Hotel at IUPUI-Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis on Monday, Feb. 17 from 11:30 to 2 p.m. Deadline to purchase tickets is Thursday, Feb. 13. Price is \$18. For more information contact IUPUI Career Center at (317) 274-2554 or visit the website:

www.iupui.edu/it/career/career.html

The Career Development and Placement office is in the Library building room C-349 and offers a variety of career planning and job resources. Their number is 989-2419.

In Touch

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writing a message, they will receive detailed information about a complaint or repair. Trznadel said, "The alpha pager will display location, information, room number, time and date stamp."

In addition, alpha pagers alert the university police to problems and information. In the scene of a

crime or emergency, messages are relayed to and from the officers to keep information private and reduce radio traffic and tension.

The messages are transmitted by a receptionist at an office in the physical facilities building. The pagings are channeled by a computer telecommunications information system.

They are contracting this software through Page America. All users of the alpha pager have their own number to which they can be individually or simultaneously reached on campus only.

Alpha pagers, fax machines and other gadgets. What communication medium will air tomorrow? Telecom watches. Anti-gravity video monitors. Who knows!

Outside

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Park, in Leroy and Oak Ridge Prairie in Griffith all have ski facilities. Rental equipment is available for those who don't own their own skis and such. For \$4.00 and 2 hours of ski time, bodies will start to feel the effects of winter. The rate listed remains the same at each park. If one wants to stay longer, they are welcome for an additional \$1.50 an hour. Ski times are from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Bundle up and don't forget your fat-free hot chocolate. Winter is here and has settled for awhile, make sure to get out there and take advantage of this bitter misery!

For more information call (219) 769-PARK.

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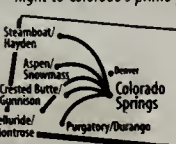
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Oh, Sweet Valentine

Students speak up about their Valentine experiences

"My favorite Valentine was the first time I didn't spend it alone."
Will Hodges, Junior

"My best and worst Valentine was when I went to a concert with my then girlfriend. We were having a great time at the concert. I thought it seemed like old times and the problems we were having would end, but we almost broke up later that night, and did a short while after."
Gregg Leonard, Senior

Best place to go on a romantic Valentine date

"Somewhere nice and warm. I'd also like a cool sunset."
Sonia Morales, Sophomore

"I'd like to go to a fancy restaurant, a dance club then a carriage ride. Then the rest is history."
Josefa Cisneros, Sophomore

"I'd love to go to Broadway show, then a candle lit dinner on the beach."
Tysha Hefner, Sophomore

Valentine Movie Favorites

1. Sleepless in Seattle
2. While You Were Sleeping
3. Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves
4. The World According to Garp
5. Four Weddings and a Funeral
6. Pretty Woman

7. Somewhere in Time
8. Phenomenon
9. The Body Guard
10. Breakfast at Tiffany's

Songs to Set the Mood English

1. When I'm With You- Sheriff.
2. Can't Fight This Feeling- REO Speedwagon.
3. I Can Love You Like That- All 4 One.
4. Angel Eyes- The Jeff Healey Band.
5. Blood and Fire- Indigo Girls.
6. Are You Strong Enough- Sheryl Crow.
7. Dreaming of You- Selena.
8. Keeper of the Stars- Tracey Bryd

The cost of a symbol of love

1 dozen Roses will set you back:

Lamprecht Florist and Greenhouse. (219) 838-4754.	47.50 boxed 55.00 in vase
Hohman Floral (219) 931-9221	50.00 boxed or in vase
E.C. Florist (219) 397-1185	54.00 boxed or in vase
Bohlings Florist (219) 836- 5100	50.00 boxed 57.50 in vase
Gary Florist (219) 944-0162	84.00 boxed or in vase
Broadway Flower Shop (219) 882-5467	65.00
Ireland Florist (219) 924-8307	60.00 in vase 45.00 boxed

Spanish

1. Ya No Creo En Nada- Ana Barbara.
2. Anything from Enrique Inglesias.
3. Piense En Mi- Grupo Mujado
4. Recuerdo- Los Bukis.
5. Te Amo- Sparks.
6. Dos Mujeres, Un Camino- Bronco
7. Manana- Christian.
8. El Chico Del Apartamento 512-Selena.
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Horoscopes to plan your week of love

- Editors note: The heck with this advice, just follow what your heart says!

BY LINDA C. BLACK

This is another good week for scientific experimentation. Any kind of studies will go well, since there are so many planets in Aquarius. The sun, Venus, Uranus, Jupiter and Mercury are all in the sign, and Neptune's just over the border in Capricorn. In a nutshell, that means revolutionary changes take place this week. There will be breakthroughs in science and technology. Most of this stuff will be for the betterment of humankind and will make life healthier on this planet. So you should lead, follow, or get out of the way.

Aries (March 21-April 19). Your friends will spur you to great heights all week. Follow their advice, especially one very smart person. Your best days are Monday and Tuesday. Do all the most important and creative things then. Tuesday and Wednesday are best for going shopping. You'll be exceptionally intelligent from Friday through Sunday. If you've got a big paper to write, take the hint. Also, heed a neighbor's good advice.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Race around getting lots of important stuff done on Monday and Tuesday. If you don't, somebody you know is

liable to have a fit. Wednesday and Thursday should be much more to your liking, although you still don't get everything you want. Just go along peacefully with a supervisor's unusual assignment. If you're working Friday or over the weekend, ask for a raise. Your boss should be in a generous mood.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). This is a marvelous week for traveling, learning foreign languages or presenting your doctoral dissertation. Rely on a friend's experience to avoid making a mistake on Monday or Tuesday. Don't get caught in the middle of a battle of big egos Wednesday or Thursday. Pulling strings could help you get something you want for your home on Friday. You're amazingly lucky over the weekend. Make a bold move.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Finances require your attention this week. Apply for that loan or scholarship you've been thinking about. Heed an older person's advice on Monday and Tuesday to become more successful. Side with a friend on Wednesday and Thursday. He or she needs your support. From Friday through the weekend, check as many items as possible off your list. Try not to go over budget while you're doing it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). A partnership or legal matter could turn out very well for you this week. Play with a passion-

ate foreigner on Monday and Tuesday and learn a fun new game. Thursday and Friday could be tough. You'll run into opposition every step of the way. Your friends are much more likely to go along with your suggestions over the weekend. Your partner will still want to have the final say, however.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Spend money on supplies that will help you do your job on Monday. Tuesday's best for getting a raise or increase in your allowance. You and a friend may not be able to start your trip Wednesday or Thursday, but you can make plans. It'll be a fun break from an intense workload. Follow an older person's orders quickly this weekend to avoid incessant nagging.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your luck in love is awesome this week. If you're not already crazy mad about at least one person, you will be soon. You'll go for the fiery militant type on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday and Thursday, it'll be the solid, dependable but somewhat tight-with-money type. From Friday through the weekend you'll want to travel with foreigners. What a marvelous way to learn another language. Have a great time.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Decide all the major and minor domestic issues this week and you won't have to think about

them again for years. Monday and Tuesday, the workload's intense. Be careful; haste could cause accidents. Join forces with your opposite on Wednesday and Thursday. You'll never win the argument any other way. You may find another source of income on Friday or over the weekend. Keep your eyes and ears open.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're able to study better than usual this week. Take on that science project you've been thinking about. Monday and Tuesday are also good for romance with an athletic type. Concentrate on your work Wednesday and Thursday. Let a partner draw you out of your shell on Friday. Explore intellectual as well as physical horizons over the weekend. You'll both be in the mood to do something interesting.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You could have a major influx of money or other valuables this week. Spend some of it on your domestic environment Monday and Tuesday. Invest in romance on Wednesday and Thursday. Your sweetheart will really be surprised if you get him or her something special. You may have to work over the weekend, starting on Friday. This could be another source of income, so don't complain. By now you'll need more.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are awesome this week.

You're lucky, imaginative and good looking. Your mental and physical reflexes are lightning-fast on Monday and Tuesday. You'll run into opposition Wednesday and Thursday — and then right over it, like a Sherman tank. Do your foundation-building on those days. Do something wildly romantic with your sweetheart over the weekend, starting Friday afternoon.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). You may feel as though the weight of the world is on your shoulders this week. Pay fees and untangle a bureaucratic mess on Monday and Tuesday. Let a friend come to your rescue on Wednesday and continue to accept support on Thursday. Write as much as possible on Friday and you'll do fine. Stay home over the weekend and get as much reading accomplished as possible. You'll feel much better once this is done.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week ... Born Feb. 10-11: Take on an educational challenge. You're not only smart, you're also bold and brave. Born Feb. 12-13: This is a good year to buy real estate and put down roots. You're liable to stay where you are for years, whether you buy or not. Born Feb. 14-16: You'll attract attention this year for being so happy. Love and travel are both amazingly well aspected.

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Put your stuff in its place

Everywhere you look there are more and more boxes, bins and containers on campus. Recycling is here to stay. The days of throwing your garbage into one can are gone.

Fortunately, a majority of us know that recycling is the best alternative for disposing of our trash. However, there are still some out there who do not care where they throw their garbage.

Evidence of this can be found in almost any recycling bin on campus. There will be paper in the aluminum container and aluminum in the paper container. There is a bright side to this. At least the trash is not ending up on the ground.

Other containers that are not being used properly are The Chronicle newspaper boxes.

It is rather discouraging. Imagine waiting all week to pick up The Chronicle, only find there are soda cans, cigarette boxes and gum wrappers all over the top of the stack. Hey, it happens.

We at The Chronicle can say that we are proud of what we put in the boxes every week. If you are one who throws trash in The Chronicle boxes, ask yourself if you can say the same.

In the end the moral would have to be, "Look before you leap." That would sum up the story quite well.

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Commentary by Scott Gonzales

Race takes centerstage

Clinton vs. Simpson in TV coverage showdown



The feeling was as surreal as anyone could imagine last Tuesday. Just as President Clinton was to deliver his annual State of the Union Address, which was to concentrate heavily on the racial divide which separates this nation, the verdict of O. J. Simpson also came down almost simultaneously. It is hard to imagine anyone taking the spotlight of the nation from the President of the United States, but it happened.

Racial stratification has been the wedge that has splintered this country for many years. It just seems a painful spot which shows little signs of healing even in the openness of the '90s.

Maybe we as a nation have gotten too open in our views toward the races. I have people I work with that have no problem what so ever letting the "N" word roll off their tongues. Minorities are still distrustful of white people, even in this day and age. Both are examples of how the issue of race still divides us and shows its strength among this society.

Just as the Simpson verdict on Oct. 4th, 1995 made many blacks glad that they had in some way been vindicated at least in the eyes of the law, so too did this verdict do the same for whites. Can one verdict be more right than another?

Can a predominately black jury which found Simpson not guilty be any less wrong or right than a predominantly white jury who saw their case quite differently? Who knows?

It was just too ironic to me that while on one coast of our nation President Clinton was heralding how the virtue of diversity can improve our nation, while on the other coast the races were once again being galvanized against each other by a trial which has been in the media for the past three years. I agree with President Clinton that the best opportunities of the next generation will lie in our nation's diversity. It is too shortsighted on our part to gamble our future on the ideals of only a small slice of America.

Yet the naive idea that racism does not exist or is being used against the majority also has to be addressed. How can we solve a problem if some refuse to acknowledge that it doesn't even exist?

We as a nation and local community cannot keep our heads in the sand and watch the status quo continue to speed on past us. Racism is around us everyday, and many feel the pressure that it puts on us everyday.

O. J. Simpson sadly has come to symbolize racism in this country. You mention the trial and you will get a varied response from many people, but eventually the subject of race will become the main topic of discussion. And maybe that is what we need is more talk. More discussion. But we also need more action.

So once again race takes the centerstage in our nation, but the lesson to be attained from both situations which

occurred last Tuesday night is what have we learned? Will people think twice about speaking the "N" word the next time they say it? Will minorities give people the benefit of the doubt when judging other people? Probably not. If there is one thing that I have learned through the years, it is very hard to change the behavior of people.

While watching the post verdict media surge on the networks, it was plain to see that this verdict also has split us between black and white lines. Nothing seems to have changed over the past few years between the criminal verdict and the civil verdict. Does that mean our views toward the races hasn't changed either?

We need, if not for us but for our children, to look into the mirror and ask ourselves what we want to teach our children about the races. Do we want to show them the open diversity which this nation can be, or narrow the views toward people of other races?

It is also ironic that all these recent events have occurred during the height of Black History Month. Let us never forget it was Martin Luther King Jr. who said "I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today."

That was said some thirty three years ago, and this ideal still hasn't been inbred in our nation, even today.

St. Valentine's Day or St. Hallmark's Day?

The commercialization of love commentary by Scott Thompson

Every time February rolls around the inside of shopping malls begin to look like bowl of cherry jello exploded. Red is everywhere and love is in the air, or is it?

Until this year, I have refused to celebrate Valentine's Day partly because I never had a valentine, but also due to the corruption of the original meaning of the holiday.

This year my wife is forcing me to make something special out of February 14 despite all of my objections. I do not object to the

celebration of love, however, I do object to the commercialization of such a joyous holiday.

Valentine's Day was established to remind all the men of the world not to forget that their significant other loves to be romanced. It was a fool proof way to assure at least one day of happiness in every relationship.

The only requirements to have a great Valentine's Day were a calendar and an imagination. A couple of roses, a clever note, and a romantic dinner was enough to drive most women crazy. The

simplicity of the day was the beauty of it. Men did not have to be Donald Trump to meet the expectations of their lover. Such things as diamonds were saved for anniversaries and Christmas.

Oh, how times have changed! Long gone are the days of simplicity. The expectations have jumped from a thoughtful card and a nice dinner to a diamond tennis bracelet and dinner at the top of the Hancock building.

The irony of the entire situation is that the day after these lovefests, most of the men return

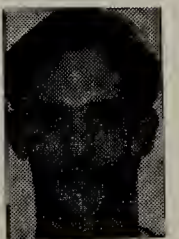
to ignoring their wife's needs for love. Valentine's Day is now a day to redeem one's self for a year of poor communication and lack of affection.

Why should only one day a year be reserved for expressing love and emotion? Why should eighty percent of all flowers be sent during one week in February? Who is to say that I need a special day set aside to tell my wife I love her. I tell her I love her everyday through my actions and habits, not merely words. By taking out the trash, paying the bills, washing the dog, and doing laundry I show her that

I love her rather than tell her. Displays of affection are much more appreciated

when they are unexpected. She enjoys receiving flowers even more for no reason than she does on Valentine's or her birthday.

I challenge every man this Valentine's Day to not only tell her that you love her, but to show her. Furthermore, do not stop showing her on the 15th, show her everyday of the year. She deserves it because she puts up with you.



Letters to the Editor

Student seeks support for Sunday ceremony

After 15 years, two state colleges, 170 credits, 14,700 commuter miles, 256 pizzas for dinner, three children and a devoted husband, I will finally be graduating this May with my first bachelor's degree in education.

My children have had to make many sacrifices so that their Mom's dream of finally becoming a teacher could become a reality. They have been to daycare; they have missed after-school functions; they have had to eat their father's cooking; and too many times, they have had to fall asleep without a goodnight kiss from their mom because she was still at class.

My story is not an isolated one, especially on Purdue Calumet's campus filled with non-traditional students. I see so many faces passing quickly through the halls each day. Each face has a story. Each face has a dream. My dream was to finally graduate with my children and my husband present. But that dream will not become a reality.

This spring semester, for the first time, Purdue Calumet decided to run on the same academic calendar as Purdue Lafayette. Our originally scheduled graduation date of Sunday, May 18 had to be changed to Monday night, May 12.

Purdue's President, Dr. Steven Beering, who has attended every Purdue campus graduation for the past 14 years of his office, has a prior engagement on the original date, and therefore, he has asked that the graduation be rescheduled for Monday night.

My fellow spring graduates, both in the Education and the Nursing Departments, were extremely disappointed by the change. Like myself, many of these graduates have families that need to commute quite a distance to attend an evening ceremony.

Judy Marshall, who will be receiving her Masters in Nursing, says, "My husband and I work and live in Chicago, and my in-laws live three hours away. We will not be able to attend graduation." Roxanne Wicklund, who will also be receiving her Masters in Nursing, says, "Everyone has been there to help you through school, and family needs to be there to support you at graduation."

Another struggling nursing grad, Cheryl Moredich says, "Throughout this educational endeavor, my family has made many sacrifices. I want my family to share with me the joy of this graduation."

Nursing grad Diane Collins has had the added pressure of being a single-parent working full-time while attaining her masters degree. Collins says, "I have shown my children that any single woman can strive like any man; they have made many sacrifices and we needed this graduation ceremony for closure, but we will not be able to attend either."

These nursing graduates, like so many of our non-traditional students, have worked full-time while attending Purdue Calumet and can not take the evening off of work to attend their own graduation ceremony.

Janet Stromberg, another nursing

grad from Joliet, says, "Because of our nursing schedules, our husbands and ourselves have already taken a vacation day for the previously planned Sunday, May 18 graduation. He will not be able to attend my graduation on Monday, May 12, - he will be working."

The Monday night graduation is still a disappointment and an inconvenience to the traditional student. Education graduate Terri Swetky is upset that her years of hard work and dedication will be celebrated on a week night. "After attending Indiana University at Bloomington, I have loved Purdue Calumet, my professors, and all of the personal attention, and I don't want my last memory of Purdue blemished," says Swetky.

For these reasons and many more, because I am sure you, the reader, the spring graduate, have your own personal objections to a Monday night graduation ceremony, we are going to try and impress on Dr. Beering the importance of changing the graduation date once again.

We recognize Dr. Beering's outstanding record of attending all of the Purdue's graduation ceremonies in the past 14 years. His dedication should be applauded. We are honored that he would consider it such a priority to personally hand each and every Purdue graduate his or her diploma, but what does it matter if the graduate can not attend his or her own ceremony?

A famous intergalactic philosopher, Spock, once said, "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few." We, the spring graduates of Purdue Calumet, believe that the needs of the many were not taken into consideration for planning this year's spring graduation. We realize that it is impossible to accommodate all the needs of the spring graduates, but by having a traditional Purdue Calumet Sunday ceremony, a larger number of graduates may attend.

We have made two proposals to Dr. Beering: one, he could attend both the Lafayette and the Hammond graduation ceremonies on the same day, Sunday, May 11, by alternating the times, and two, he could appoint a substitute from our own Purdue Calumet campus to officiate just this one year on our originally scheduled date, Sunday, May 18. We realize that he would be breaking his fourteen year tradition of attending every graduation ceremony, but to many of us this is the only one we will have.

If you are reading this article and attend Purdue Calumet as a student, faculty member, or employee, we are requesting your support by signing a petition asking Dr. Beering to make accommodations for this year's spring graduates. The petitions will be posted at all the Department Offices and message boards on campus, collected by February 28, 1997, and mailed to Dr. Beering.

As a future educator, I have been taught to always consider the needs of the students first. If you agree with that philosophy, please help us by signing the petition.

Thank you,
Cynthia Bowman Dewes

History professor to Scott Gonzales — "We don't all wear polyester"

I was distressed to read about Scott Gonzales' unpleasant experience on the first day of a history course. (Commentary, Jan. 27) As is the case outside the campus, here too we have kind, caring, personalities, as well as those who appear gruff and sour. I agree that the behavior described by Scott was unfortunate.

However, Scott also said that he came to Purdue Calumet to learn and to "get a better job." With the safeguards provided by the university environment, if Scott and others are unwilling to meet the challenge of one cranky polyester instructor how will they

be prepared for life after college? Out there in the real world, even armed with his degree, Scott will likely find it necessary to deal with a wide variety of challenges, including difficult people, perhaps a tyrannical boss, or even an arrogant cashmere clad competitor.

I am also sorry that Scott came away from instructor polyester with the notion that he did not want to have anything to do with history or history instructors. Is it appropriate to condemn an entire group because of the behavior of one member of that group? We are blessed with a society that provides academic freedom to our

professors and an abundant number of choices to our students. Yes, Scott can opt out of history. However, if he does so he will not harm instructor polyester. Those students who, on the basis of one negative experience, dismiss all history courses, are denying themselves the opportunity to participate in classes taught by dedicated, talented teachers.

Do not despair. There is some real gold in the history department and if you look carefully you might even find Hermes!

Miriam Joyce, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of History

Biases not limited to one history professor

I was truly disturbed when I read the article in the Jan. 27 issue about the professor who felt so compelled to share his biases about financial aid recipients. I regret to inform everyone that that professor is not alone. In fact, there have been several of such incidences of absolutely unprofessional and unacceptable behavior by professors and staff members.

Some incidences I, myself have experienced include: A professor in the Psychology department who, when students requested additional sections of a course be added to accommodate busy schedules, responded with, "If you don't like it, change your major."

Then there was the math professor who, when a female student asked about a difficult prob-

lem, responded with "Marry rich," as he patted her on the head, and later told her she's cute but "flaky." I haven't forgotten the uniformed staff member who, in a crowded student lounge, commented that women don't belong in the military. I've encountered professors who have made racially or sexually suggestive comments to students about other students! NEED I SAY MORE?

Having earned my Bachelor's Degree in Clinical Psychology, by the way - with the help of financial aid - I know that I, like these and all faculty and staff, will be in the helping profession and it is my ethical duty and responsibility to help people because they are here for just that, not to be insulted!

Of course, it goes without saying, or at least I hope that, such individuals represent the minority of staff here at Purdue Calumet.

A great many of the professors and staff I've come into contact with have been helpful, and even willing to learn themselves. I commend and sincerely thank them for that. Staff members, no matter which category you fall under, you know who you are! May I suggest you keep your biases to yourselves! Remember you are representing the university.

Scott Gonzales, thank you for bringing this to everyone's attention and encouraging others to share their experiences.

Sincerely,
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Is the Star Wars special edition truly special? You bet your wookiee!

The return of the '70s classic has audiences packing the house

People have been flooding the box offices the past two weeks, lining up to see one of the most influential films of the '70s. That movie is of course "Star Wars." One of the biggest films ever has just gotten better with the addition of new footage, special effects and other odds and ends that die hard fans have come to know by heart over the past twenty years.

The story has not changed at all over the years. Luke (Mark

Hamill) stumbles onto two droids that have been programmed with a mission to save a princess in distress. Princess Leia (Carrie Fisher) is in the hands of the evil Darth Vader and it's up to Luke and comrades to the rescue the princess, learn of the Force, and explore foreign galaxies. As I said, the story is the same.

So why go see this new edition? What exactly is added to this twenty-year-old classic to make it better? Can you make it better?

Besides what has been plastered on television specials and promotional trailers, there were many subtle changes which add depth to the Star Wars universe. The scene which has caused the most talk is one involving the worm-like Jabba the Hut and Han Solo. Jabba, while never introduced to the public until the second installment of the series "Return of The Jedi," makes this scene fun to watch and connects the trilogy's story beyond what we had originally knew. This scene is the longest of all the additions and runs for a couple minutes.

Other additions include color added to blaster explosions and various gunshots in the film. Sound has also been added to the

sound effects of this new version. One prime example of the new sound effects are when Luke and Leia are escaping from Stormtroopers in the Deathstar and come across an unextended bridge. Originally Lukes' blaster sounded like everyone else's in the film, now it has the sound effect of the original soundtrack plus the sound of a Magnum handgun. Also the echo effect of the two characters talking in the this scene is much more noticeable than before.

More creatures have been added to Tatooine landscape also. Desert-rat like creatures scurry about the sand as Luke speeds toward Mos Eisley. Newly added Dewbacks driven by Imperial Stormtroopers roam the desert hills searching for the two droids, R2D2 and C3PO. T-Rex like creatures stroll down the streets of Mos Eisley ridden by reckless Jawas. Another creature of sorts, a flying Imperial tracking device, flies through the streets searching for Luke and Obi Wan. It is seen zigging and zagging between Stormtroopers and local informants of the Empire and was never shown in the original film.

Other shots include close-ups of X-Wing and Gold-Wing fight-



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In a scene not in the original movie, Han Solo, played by Harrison Ford, pleads with Jaba the Hut for a little more time to pay a debt. Jaba, a computer image, is brought to life by Industrial Light and Magic, Lucas' special effects firm.

ers on their final showdown with the Deathstar. Different views of the Millennium Falcon taking off, flying through the air, and landing are noticeable to the avid viewer. Explosions have also been enhanced in this new version of Star Wars. Exploding Imperial Tie Fighters, the destruction of the Deathstar, and the obliteration of Princess Leias' home planet Alderaan are some of the explosive enhanced scenes in this Special Edition.

But then there are the people who say how long is Lucas going to milk this cash cow called "Star Wars?" Let's face it, it is a twenty year old movie! What are we going to see next, Luke changing his socks or something else just as

trivial? Of course not. These current changes in the film has only added to the original, not detracted from it. These changes bring more depth to the landscapes, depth to the characters and in doing so, depth to the original story.

The real test is if the public will want to see this film again. It has been out for twenty years. Every one of the films are on video in both the regular formatted version and the wide-screen versions. So will the public go to see this film? Well if the first weeks box office receipts is any indication, Star Wars made \$36 million for three days, making more money than the remaining top ten films combined that same weekend.

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A GREAT COFFEEHOUSE with a little bit of mystery, a bit of cyberspace, and a lot of good coffee.

- Surf the net
- Have your own E-mail box
- Participate in our open mic nite every Thursday 7-10 p.m.
- Test your skill on the latest computer games
- Sleuth our mystery puzzle table
- Soup and sandwiches